

Welcoming Remarks for the DCI on the Occasion of  
the President's Visit to CIA Headquarters, August 1978

Mr. President,

On behalf of all of the ladies and gentlemen of the  
Central Intelligence Agency -- welcome.

And Mr. President, it is my privilege to be able to  
present to you the able and dedicated people of what I  
believe to be the world's finest intelligence organization.  
In all candor, I didn't realize just how good CIA is until  
I became part of it a year and a half ago. That  
revelation is among the most delightful of my entire  
career in government service. I cannot praise the  
dedication and professionalism of these people enough.

We are, of course, honored by your visit here and  
by the fact that you would take the time from your heavy  
responsibilities to exchange views with us.

But more than that. We all recall your promise on  
your last visit here to provide the American people with  
an accurate assessment of our intelligence activities.

Mr. President, we welcome your assessment. We are proud of the way we conduct our business -- effectively, honestly and with dedication to our nation's goals.

We are proud of our role as the only independent intelligence agency responsible directly to you and the National Security Council. We are proud of the high moral and professional standards being maintained here. And we are proud of the quality and independence of our intelligence assessments.

You know the value of our business and how well it is performed better than anybody else. I speak for all the people of CIA when I say sincerely how delighted I am to have you with us today. You are the person most able to evaluate and appreciate our performance.

Again, welcome, and thank you for being here.

THE PRESIDENT'S GREETING ON ARRIVAL

Thank you, Admiral Turner

- Visited here briefly on the occasion of your swearing-in last March.
- In interim with use of CIA product have a much better appreciation of what is done here.
- Wanted to see firsthand where such valuable intelligence is produced - meet the people who produce it - tell them what a splendid job they are doing.
- Thank you and let's proceed.

Talking Points for President's Remarks in Auditorium

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- First visited Agency in March 1977 to attend swearing-in of Admiral Turner as DCI.
- Now, almost a year and a half later, pleased to meet with the men and women of CIA and to share today's perspective.
- Although we face no immediate major crises, the world remains an uncertain and dangerous place.
- Instant communication draws the world close in technological terms, but ideology and long-standing animosities still divide peoples of the world.
- In such a situation there is a dangerous gap between appearance and reality. Your Agency plays a vital role in helping our government cut through misleading appearances to the underlying realities we must deal with.

- This is demanding and dangerous work. Admiral Turner has brought to the White House to meet with me some of your employees who have served particularly well and have suffered from duties under hazardous situations abroad. I have been impressed with their professionalism and serious dedication.
- The work all of you do is appreciated. More than that, it is a necessary ingredient if we are successfully to approach the complexities we face.
- This applies to the full range of work which you perform. There is much interest in your political analysis, your crop and energy forecasts, your technical reporting, and in the reports of individual human assets such as those which have been vital in making clear the true dimensions of the disruptive Cuban effort in Africa.
- Your intelligence product helps me do my job and I am grateful for what you produce.
- I am aware that intelligence work is often misunderstood and unfairly criticized.

- Fully agree with John F. Kennedy that your successes are secret while your failures are trumpeted. You accept this as part of the nature of your work. I have high respect for the way that burden is carried.
- Wish also to assure you that there is no evidence of the allegation that your conclusions are tailored to political objectives of this Administration. To the contrary, your estimates and reports are frequently disquieting. You clearly tell me what I need to know, not what I want to hear. Your objectivity and independence are vital assets and I urge that you preserve them at all cost.
- Another problem faced by CIA concerns unauthorized leaks of classified information. Admiral Turner has made me acutely aware of the devastating effect of these leaks. Leaders of both Congress and the Executive Branch have been told that we must do all possible to stop this damaging flow of information to those who use it to hurt our national interest.
- We have joint responsibility to guard legitimate secrets for national security against the demand for openness in a free society.

- I appreciate the important contributions the Agency is making on vital issues, and applaud efforts to share as much as possible with American public in the form of unclassified research.
- I am aware that CIA's relations with Congress are improving. Executive Order 12036, issued in January, has clarified significantly the organizational structure and the responsibilities and limitations of intelligence activities.
- Praise CIA professionalism and count on its continued support.
- Questions and answers.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Principals</u>	<u>No. of People</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1400	Building Entrance	DCI accompanies in car. DDCI greets. DCI presents senior staff. President makes brief remarks to Agency employees & selected members of media.	Approx. 1000 Agency personnel (weather permitting).	(1) First stop (2) This will be only remarks to media members. (3) Points to be covered by President attached.
1410	1A07	DDO & staff members	Approx. 60 DDO personnel.	DDO will prepare scenario.
1425	1A13	DDS&T & D/NFAC & staff members.	Approx. 60 DDS&T & NFAC personnel.	DDS&T & NFAC will prepare scenario.
1450	Depart 1A13	Enroute to auditorium via 1st floor tunnel entrance.		
1500	Auditorium	All Agency personnel.	Approx. 500 people in auditorium. Additional 500 can view live TV presentations in both cafeterias.	(1) Hetu will suggest points to be covered. (2) No media coverage. (3) Agency will film & tape for possible transmittal overseas.
1530	Depart			

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1. Senior staff will be introduced to President at front of Headquarters building by DCI. After President's remarks at building entrance, he will pass through lobby where he can pass by an additional 200-300 Agency personnel. He will be escorted by DCI and DDCI to 1A07.
2. Agency personnel will be in hallways to greet President enroute. Since no members of media will be allowed in the building, there should be no cover problems.
3. Distribution of tickets for the auditorium will be based on 500 capacity and using on-duty strength in Metropolitan Area (by Directorates):

DCI	18	Including IC Staff (on duty)	██████████	DCI	15	25X9
DDO	115			DDO	115	
DDA	145			DDA	140	
NFAC	111			NFAC	110	
S&T	111			S&T	110	
	500			IC	10	
					500	

Tickets will be distributed to the Directorates, the DCI Staff and IC Staff in the above numbers. The distribution to each element will be accompanied by a memorandum signed by the DDA which will direct that distribution should be made to cover a cross-cut of Agency personnel, including grade, male/female and minority groupings. Each Directorate will make a suballocation to offices and/or divisions. It will be their responsibility to monitor the distribution.